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Mr. Scott Cohen, Staff Director
Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Cohen:

Your letter of 22 October requested that the Central Intelligence Agency review a Senate Foreign Relations Committee transcript of testimony, dated 5 September 1979, for possible declassification.

Appropriate Agency officials have now completed their review of the entire document and a determination has been made that the document cannot be declassified. There are references on at least 62 of the 114 pages which we believe would have to be excised; and, it is possible that when reviewed by other members of the Intelligence Community who also testified at that time, additional material might have to be deleted.

If we were to sanitize the document, it would require extensive deletions because the briefers who testified were extremely open and candid with the Committee. After such deletions, there would be little of substance left in the transcript.

Should you wish us to proceed with the sanitizations after consideration of the above, please let us know. We would then strongly recommend that you also send the document to the National Security Agency, the Department of State, and the Defense Intelligence Agency for their review and determinations, if this has not already been done.

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Thank you once again for giving us the opportunity to review the transcript, which I am returning to you.

Sincerely,

/s/Charles A. Briggs

Charles A. Briggs
Director, Office of Legislative Liaison

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